

NOTE

Myrtomera, A New Generic Name for *Spermolepis* Brongn. & Gris (Myrtaceae)

IN THE VAST REALM of generic names almost inevitably there occur many unwitting duplications, despite the various attempts at indices that have been made in the course of botanical history.

The present case concerns a genus of Myrtaceae which bears a name already preëmpted by a genus of Umbelliferae. New names are proposed as follows:

Myrtomera B. C. Stone, nom. nov.

Spermolepis Brongniart & Gris in Bull. Soc. Bot. France 10: 577. 1863; in Ann. Sci. Nat. V, 2: 136. 1864. Myrtaceae.

Not *Spermolepis* Rafinesque in Neogenyt. 2. 1825. Umbelliferae. Based on *Spermolepis divaricata* (Walt.) Raf.

1. *Myrtomera gummifera* (Brongn. & Gris)
B. C. Stone, comb. nov. *Spermolepis gummifera* Brongn. & Gris l.c. Type.
New Caledonia.
2. *Myrtomera rubiginosa* (Brongn. & Gris)
B. C. Stone, comb. nov. *Spermolepis rubiginosa* Brongn. & Gris l.c.
New Caledonia.

These two species are endemic to New Caledonia.

The generic name *Myrtomera* is coined *de novo*, from *Myrtus* and the suffix indicating "part," *meros*.—Benjamin C. Stone, Department of Botany, U. S. National Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Washington 25, D. C. Manuscript received August 7, 1961.